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REF: A. USNATO 1529

B. STATE 77746

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SUMMARY. AT APRIL 25 MEETING, SG REPS SUPPORTED DELETION OF THE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON AIR DEFENSE FROM THE NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA. SG ALSO SUPPORTED APPROACH OF NOT INCLUDING SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING AS A SEPARATE MINISTERIAL AGENDA ITEM, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SACEUR COULD DISCUSS IT UNDER OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM. SG CHAIRMAN RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER THE US WOULD CIRCULATE WRITTEN STATUS REPORT ON NUNN AMENDMENT FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS PRIOR TO THE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. SG COMPLETED WORK ON REVISED VERSION OF DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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WINTEX-75. DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM REPORTED SEPTEL.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE RE STATUS REPORT ON NUNN AMENDMENT FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS.

END SUMMARY.

1. AT APRIL 25 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING, SG CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) SAID THAT NPG PERMREP MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR (1) MAY 12 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE NPG PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX-75 AND THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND (2) JUNE 3 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE NPG PERMREPS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM.

2. SG REPS, DURING DISCUSSION OF DRAFT NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA (REF A), EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EARLIER US PROPOSAL (REFS B AND C) TO DELETE ITEM ON THE SHAPE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON AIR DEFENSE. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING (SEP) ON AGENDA, SHAPE REP (JULIAN) SAID THAT SACEUR DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH NEW INFORMATION TO WARRANT INCLUDING SEP AS A SEPARATE ITEM ON THE AGENDA, OR THE CIRCULATION OF A NEW BACKGROUND REPORT. HE SAID THAT SACEUR WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM MINISTERS UNDER ANY OF THE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS, AND NOTED THAT SEP MIGHT LOGICALLY BE RAISED DURING DISCUSSION OF THE PHASE II REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM. US REP (WOODWORTH) SUPPORTED THIS APPROACH PER GUIDANCE IN REF D, AND OTHER SG REPS INDICATED THAT THEY THOUGHT THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND IT SATISFACTORY.

3. SG CHAIRMAN SAID THAT SYG LUNS WOULD ISSUE SHORTLY A DRAFT NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA FOR FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE NPG MEETING. HE SAID HE PROPOSED TO INCLUDE AGENDA ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER, WHICH SG REPS FOUND SATISFACTORY:

- (A) BRIEFING ON THE BALANCE OF STRATEGIC FORCES
- (B) COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTIONS TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
- (C) WINTEX-75
- (D) FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM
- (E) STATUS REPORT ON THE NUNN AMENDMENT
- (F) NPG FUTURE WORK PROGRAM
- (G) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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(H) AGREED MINUTE

(I) COMMUNIQUE

MISSION WILL TRANSMIT FORMAL DRAFT AGENDA TO WASHINGTON WHEN WE RECEIVE IT FROM SYG LUNS.

4. SG CHAIRMAN ASKED IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM (E) ABOVE IF THE US PLANNED TO ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON NUNN AMENDMENT FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS, NOTING COMMENTS BY MR. COTTER ON THIS POSSIBILITY AT THE MARCH 25 NPG PERMREPS MEETING (PARA 8, REF E). SG CHAIRMAN SAID THAT IF THE US PLANNED TO CIRCULATE A WRITTEN REPORT PRIOR TO THE NPG MEETING, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO LIST IT AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT ON THE NPG AGENDA. US REP SAID HE WOULD QUERY HIS AUTHORITIES. ACTIONS REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

5. SG, CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS FROM APRIL 21 SG MEETING, COMPLETED REVISION OF THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX-75 (REF F). US REP, DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, INTRODUCED CHANGES PER GUIDANCE IN REF G, WHICH SG ACCEPTED. OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED BY SG REPS WERE GENERALLY EDITORIAL IN NATURE TO ACHIEVE CLEARER AND MORE ACCURATE TEXT. SG CHAIRMAN SAID THAT SINCE THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 12 NPG PERMREPS MEETING, HE PROPOSED TO FORWARD THE SG AGREED RE-DRAFT TO SYG LUNS FOR CIRCULATION TO NPG DELEGATIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR FINAL REVIEW IN CAPITALS. SG AGREED WITH THIS PROCEDURE. COMMENT: MISSION WILL TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX-75 WHEN IT IS ISSUED BY SYG LUNS.

6. IMS REP (FORD), NOTING THAT RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX-75 DID NOT PROPOSE ANY SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS, SAID THAT THE CHAIRMAN, MC BELIEVED THAT THE WINTEX EXERCISE POINTED UP THE NEED FOR NATO TO DEVELOP A CLEARER VISION OF POLICY FOR THE INITIAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SG REPS GENERALLY FELT THAT INCLUDING THIS POINT AS A RECOMMENDATION TO MINISTERS WOULD GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF WHAT MIGHT REASONABLY BE INCLUDED IN THE PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX-75. THEY AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MIGHT BE A POINT FOR DISCUSSION AT NPG PERMREP AND MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

7. SG SCHEDULED TO MEET NEXT ON MAY 2 TO DISCUSS DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM. SG DISCUSSION OF THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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